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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 16th January 2025

Yoga Teachers Association seeks GST exemption for Yoga Centres

Mysuru, Jan. 16- The Karnataka Yoga Teachers Association, Mysuru, led by its Hon. President Dr. T.N. Shashikumar, Secretary N. Anantha and President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, has submitted a memorandum to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar seeking the MP's Office to write a letter to the GST Council of India and the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, urging them to consider exempting GST for all Yoga Centres.

This exemption would boost Yoga tourism and contribute to the flourishing of the local macro and micro-economy.

The memorandum stated, "Mysuru, renowned as the cultural and Yoga capital of India, annually attracts more than 50,000 foreign and Indian nationals to practice yoga and other Indian heritage classes in various yoga institutes in city. Post-pandemic, there has been a significant reduction in the number of yoga students visiting Mysuru."

"Currently, Yoga Centres are categorised under Health and Fitness Recreational services, attracting 18% GST rate. This high tax burden impacts the ability of Yoga Centres in Mysuru to sustain their operations and meet the rising costs of salaries for guest lecturers, regular employees and other essential expenses," the memorandum noted.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THIRUCHENGODE'S SPECIALITY: ***In the Thiruchengode temple, Lord Murugan is known as Sengottuvelan. He stands alone on top of a hill, and faces East. In His right hand, He holds a spear, and in His left hand, He holds a rooster, which faces His feet. This is a unique form of Murugan, not seen anywhere else. The*** *vigraha* ***is made of an amalgam of nine ingredients and is white in colour. Murugan is generally referred to as Sevvel, the red-hued One. But He is white in colour here, because of the specially made idol. The*** *vigraha* ***shows the symbolic meanings behind*** *Soora samhara,* ***said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse.***

The *asura* ***Soorapadman, even after being killed by Murugan, reappeared in the form of a mango tree. Murugan used His spear to split the tree into two. One half turned into a peacock, which became Murugan's*** *vahana.* ***The other half turned into a rooster, which became the emblem on Murugan's flag. There is rich symbolism behind the Soorapadman story. The spear indicates*** *jnana sakthi,* ***and the rooster is representative of*** *naada.* ***The peacock becoming Murugan's*** *vahana* ***indicates Murugan destroying Soorapadman's illusion. The rooster becoming the emblem on the flag indicates the destruction of Soorapadman's*** *karma.* ***The spear shows the destruction of Soorapadman's ego.***

Pamban Swamigal has praised Thiruchengode as the place that brings out all the deep meanings of the Soorapadman story. Arunagirinatha's *Kandar Alankaram* ***is entirely about Lord Murugan of Thiruchengode. Arunagirinatha wishes that Brahma had given him 4,000 eyes to see Sengottuvelan.***— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fake Brad Pitt scams woman of $ 8,50,000

New York: A 53-year-old woman was scammed into paying hundreds of thousands of euros to a person posing as Hollywood megastar Brad Pitt as payment for hefty medical bills he couldn't cover due to his divorce.

For more than a year, Anne, a French interior decorator, thought she was in a long-distance romantic relationship with Brad Pitt. When the middle-aged woman joined Instagram to share photos from a recent skiing vacation in the Alps, she was approached on the social network by someone claiming to be the mother of legendary actor Brad Pitt, who started chatting with Anne. Later, someone posing as Brad Pitt approached Anne on Instagram. They chatted every day, and before long, Anne fell in love with him.

Over the course of several months, Anne ended up sending fake Brad Pitt more than 8,30,000 euros ($8,50,000), including her entire divorce settlement. She realised that she had been the victim of a cruel romantic scam last summer when she saw on TV that Brad Pitt was in relationship with Ines de Ramon, but by that time it was already too late.

Museum gathers 468 people in dinosaur dress

Florida: The Cox Science Centre and Aquarium teamed up with the City of West Palm Beach to take on the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people dressed as dinosaurs at West Palm Beach's Screen on the Green.

The record to beat stood at 252 people, and was set in Los Angeles in 2019. A Guinness World Records adjudicator confirmed the Florida attempt took the title with 468 participants.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The combination of increased sun exposure, sweating, and more open pores can lead to an increase in acne. Dirt and oil from your hands can transfer to your face. They get trapped by open pores and sweat, resulting in breakouts.

By Dr. Ravi S. – Consultant Dermatology & Cosmetologist - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Elected office-bearers

Mysuru, Jan.16- The following have been elected as the new office-bearers of the Mysuru District High School Head Masters and Composite PU College Principals Association, at the Executive Committee meeting of the Association held recently:

G.C. Shankar

President: G.C. Shankar, Vice-Principal of Karnataka Public School, Haranahalli, Periyapatna taluk.

Vice-President: S. Somashekar, Head Master, Government High School, Ankanahalli, Saligrama taluk.

Organising Secretary: Chandrashekar, Head Master, Government High School , Doddahejjur, Hunsur taluk.

General Secretary: T. Kumar, Head Master, Government High School, Hanchya, Mysuru taluk.

Treasurer: Dr. D. Mahesh, Vice-Principal, Government PU College, JLB Road, Mysuru.

Joint Secretary: S. Balaraju, Head Master, Government High School, Kappasoge, Nanjangud taluk.

For details, contact the Association Office at Gurubhavan, Samanvaya Road, behind Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, according to a press release.

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Yesterday's level **123.31 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.39 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,835.90 feet**
Today's Inflow **483 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **296 cusecs**
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Animal feeding banned inside Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysore Varsity move sparks outrage; Maneka Gandhi urges Vice-Chancellor to take humane approach

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RK&BCT)- The University of Mysore, custodian of the picturesque Kukkarahalli Lake, has enforced a ban on feeding dogs, birds and aquatic beings within the Lake premises. Signboards have been installed at the Lake's entrances to communicate the ban, which also prohibits the entry of pet animals.

The decision has drawn sharp criticism from animal activists, who have labelled it a blatant violation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, Animal Birth Control Rules and Supreme Court guidelines.

While the University has said that this action was taken on account of public representations expressing concerns about the growing stray dog population within the Lake, activists argue that the move disregards legal frameworks and ethical responsibilities toward animal welfare.

Outraged by the ban, activists have sought the intervention of former Union Environment Minister and prominent animal rights advocate Maneka Gandhi. Letters of protest have also been sent to Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, urging him to reconsider the decision. Additionally, copies of the letters have been forwarded to *Star of Mysore*.

According to animal rights activists Neeraja Rajesh, R. Nandana and yoga student Ann Lee, the University must allow feeders to peacefully resume their welfare work, which has been carried out without any assistance from or financial burden on the Mysuru City Corporation or the University of Mysore.

(See LAKE on page 6)

Actor Saif Ali Khan stabbed by intruder at his house

Mumbai, Jan. 16 (Agencies)- Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan was rushed to Lilavati Hospital early this morning after being attacked by an intruder at his Bandra residence, which he shares with his wife, actress Kareena Kapoor.

Saif Ali Khan

The actor suffered serious injuries during an alleged burglary attempt at his Mumbai home around 2.30 am while he was sleeping with his family. Sources said that the attacker remained at Khan's residence overnight and attempted to enter his son Jeh's room. When the caretaker screamed, Khan rushed in, leading to a confrontation.

Dr. Neeraj Uttmani, Chief Operating Officer at Lilavati Hospital, confirmed that Khan arrived at the hospital at 3.30 am. "He has six wounds, two of which are quite deep. The surgery was carried out by Neurosurgeon Dr. Nitin Dange and cosmetic surgeon Dr. Leena Jain," the medical team said.

The surgery was successful, and Khan will be kept in the ICU for a day. Doctors confirmed that the actor is out of danger. They explained that the surgery was necessary to stop leakage from the spine wound. Also, a part of the knife that was lodged inside the actor's body was subsequently removed.

Mumbai Police confirmed that an unidentified intruder entered Khan's residence, leading to confrontation. Investigation is on, with teams from Bandra Police, Crime Branch and Forensic experts examining the scene.

Accidental gunshot claims life in Kodagu

Madikeri, Jan. 16 (PS&BCT)- In a tragic incident, 49-year-old Ponnachettira Mitra Chengappa, lost his life due to an accidental gunshot in Cherambane, Madikeri Taluk, late last night.

Mitra

Mitra, the proprietor of Mitra Wine Shop, had just closed his shop around 12.30 am and was preparing to head home. Carrying a single-barrel gun for personal safety, he momentarily placed it on his scooter near his wine shop to buy milk from a delivery vehicle that had arrived. In an unfortunate turn of events, the gun slipped, discharged, and struck him in the waist. Despite efforts to assist him, the gunshot proved fatal.

According to the milk van driver Pavan and cleaner Suman, Mitra Chengappa stopped his scooter near their vehicle to buy milk packets. While opening the storage compartment (boot space) of his scooter to keep the milk, the gun, that was kept on the seat accidentally fell, discharging a bullet that struck him in the waist.

People gathered at the place tried to revive him but a heavily bleeding Mitra succumbed to his injuries on the spot. People known to the family informed Mitra's wife Namratha about the incident.

A case has been registered at the Bhagamandala Police Station and the body has been shifted to Madikeri mortuary.

Mitra was a well-known figure in Cherambane. Further investigation is on.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption from tomorrow

Due to Link Line works at Yachegowdanahalli and Yadahalli Lift Irrigation Project, power lines coming under CESC Hootagalli Sub-Division, there will be disruption in power supply from 10 am to 5 pm on Jan. 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25, in the following areas: Gungralchhatra, Yadahalli, Yachegowdanahalli, Hoskote, Dadadakallahalli, Chhatradakoppalu, Ramenahalli, Kallur Naganahalli, Kallur, Meenakshipura and surrounding areas. However, there will be three-phase power supply for Irrigation pump sets in the above mentioned areas between 10 pm and 10 am on all the days of power disruption, according to a press release from the EE, CESC, V.V. Mohalla Division.

CA student on DD Chandana

B. Akhilesh Rao, who has recently cleared CA Final at the age of 22, will be featured on DD Chandana channel and the programme will be telecast live between 12 noon and 1 pm tomorrow (Jan. 17). This interview will be beneficial for aspiring CA students to understand the intricacies of the CA Course. During the interview, students can also call and ask their queries/ concerns related to the course using the Chandana Phone-In facility. Akhilesh, an alumnus of Sapient College, is a resident of Yadavagiri, Mysuru.

Ph.D awardees

Vidya D. Avadhani has been awarded Ph.D. in Commerce by

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, for her thesis titled "A Study on Spiritual Intelligence, Emotional Intelligence and Work-Life Balance among the Employees of Private Insurance Sector" submitted under the guidance of Dr. Rethy B. Menon.

S. Jyothilakshmi has been

awarded Ph.D in Economics by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for her thesis 'An Empirical Study on Health Status and Demand for Healthcare of the Rural Married Women in Selected Backward Districts of Karnataka. India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shivakumaraswamy.

Alleged harassment of micro finance firms

Loanee villagers deserting home in Nanjangud taluk

Nanjangud, Jan. 16 (Agencies)- Unable to bear the harassment of micro finance firms to repay the loan amount, the villagers, who have allegedly defaulted on repayment of loan, are deserting villages in Nanjangud taluk, the trend that has surfaced after a similar development was reported in Chamarajanagar district recently.

The micro finance firms, that lend the amount to women from economically weaker families, have been sending their representatives to collect the loan amount, who under the pretext of collecting the principal loan amount, have been allegedly abusing the loanees, shaming them in public.

The representatives of finance firms have been knocking on the door of the customers owing the arrears towards loan amount, irrespective of day and night hours. Following the humiliation, the villagers have been deserting home abruptly, leaving behind all their belongings and locking the main door. On the other hand, finance firms have been printing notice on the main door of such houses, informing that they have forfeited the said property.

A finance firm has put up a notice on the main door of a house of a loanee informing that they have forfeited the said property.

Such development is reported from Hullahalli, Rampura, Kurihundi, Shiramalli, Kaggalur, Heggadahalli, Muddahalli and other villages in the taluk.

While those loanees are deserting their native without informing the fellow villagers, the representatives of finance firms are unsparing in their efforts to trace them, by enquiring about their whereabouts with fellow villagers.

Bhyraraju and Puttamma couple, Dundamma, Nigamani and Devanna of Rampura, Siddashetty-Putteeramma couple, Shantamma, Shashi, Siddashetty-Gowramma couple, Bhagya and Prabhu of Shiramalli, Chaape Mahesh of Hullahalli and 7 families in Kaggalur village, have deserted their villages.

A villager said, the finance firms, instead of lending loan as per the capability of farmers, advance loan amount arbitrarily, only to push the farmers families towards the cobweb of loan.

Man hacks wife to death over 'illicit affair'

Brutal murder leaves innocent kids aged five and three years orphaned in H.D. Kote taluk

H.D. Kote, Jan. 16- A man brutally murdered his wife and surrendered to the Police, at Kaniyanahundi village in H.D. Kote taluk in Mysuru district on Wednesday.

Tejaswini

Tejaswini (26) is the victim, who was bludgeoned to death with a machete, by her husband Devaraj, at their farm house in the village. The couple has a five-year-old son and three-year-old daughter, who are now orphaned, for no fault of theirs.

Devaraj, a farmer, had married Tejaswini of Kutwadi village in Mysuru taluk eight years ago. Initially, the couple was leading a happy life, till Tejaswini allegedly developed an extra-marital affair with a youth from Aswalu village in Hunsur taluk.

This had led to frequent quarrelling among the couple and the Police and village elders had brokered truce among them.

The Police and village elders had also advised Tejaswini to mend her ways. On the other hand, the Police had enquired about whether Tejaswini is being harassed by her husband?

Tejaswini, who appeared to have changed her behaviour, had eloped with that youth recently. However, the Police had succeeded in tracing her on Tuesday and reuniting with her husband.

The couple entered into a wordy duel over the same old issue on Wednesday afternoon and in a fit of rage, Devaraj hacked his wife to death with a machete, it is said.

He later surrendered before the H.D. Kote Police.

The body was shifted to the mortuary of H.D. Kote Government Hospital. The Police are investigating the case.

Engineering student from Mysuru drowns in Balamuri

Srirangapatna, Jan. 16- An engineering student from Mysuru met his watery grave at River Cauvery in Balamuri, a popular picnic spot in Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district on Wednesday.

S. Sharath

S. Sharath (19), son of Shivaraju, a resident of Naganahalli in Mysuru taluk, is the deceased youth. He was a first year Computer Science Engineering student at Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT).

It is said that, Sharath, along with his three friends, was playing in the water, before going to swimming. However, Sharath, who was not aware of swimming, started to drown, allegedly yelled at his friends in the river bank seeking their help. The bystanders, responded and jumped into water to rescue him. But, Sharath had consumed heavy water in the melee, resulting in his death, according to the public.

KRS Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the body to K.R. Hospital mortuary in Mysuru.

The body was handed over to his parents, after conducting the post-mortem. The grief-stricken family members couldn't control their emotions, while the friends who had accompanied Sharath to Balamuri, were left dumbfounded, following the tragedy.

Obituary

C. Doddaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 16- C. Doddaiah (85), a resident of Ramanuja Road, 14th Cross, passed away yesterday. He was a retired Special Assistant, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Chamaraja Double Road Branch, Mysuru.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a large number of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

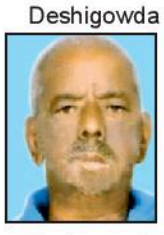
Janaba Mumtaz Begum

Janaba Mumtaz Begum (80), wife of late Syed Mohamood and a resident of #12, Haleem Nagar, Bannimantap Extension, passed away last evening due to age-related illness.

She is survived by 3 daughters, 7 sons, including social worker Syed Saleem, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Zohar Salath at Masjid Akbari in Haleem Nagar, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Deshigowda



Deshigowda (74), son of late Kotegowda and a resident of K.G. Koppal 3rd Cross, Mysuru, passed away last night.

He leaves behind four sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed today at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds.

Deveeramma

Nanjangud: Deveeramma (91), wife of late Kariappa and a resident of Chamalapura Street in the town, passed away this morning. She leaves behind three sons, two daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the Burial Grounds near Bypass Road in the town.

VOICE OF THE READER

Non-functioning street-lights on Ring Road-Bogadi Junction

Sir,

This is regarding the non-functioning street-lights on the Ring Road - Bogadi junction. Many news items and articles have highlighted this recurring problem, which continues to cause significant hardships for pedestrians and morning walkers.

I urge the authorities concerned to address this issue at the earliest.

The area also has numerous bars and restaurants where people gather for booze parties in the dark. Adding to the woes, students engage in wheeling stunts. The non-functioning street-lights exacerbate these problems, making life particularly difficult for residents of the nearby Bank Colony.

I sincerely hope this letter brings some much-needed relief to the area's residents.

—Shubha Krishnamurthy
Mysuru
31.12.2024

Skywatch tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 16- The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, has organised a Skywatch programme on Jan. 17 (Friday) at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, Mysuru.

Renowned Amateur Astronomers Dr. S.N. Prasad and M. Krishnamurthy will be the resource persons for the event.

The event is subject to clear skies and requires no registration. Entry for the event is free but limited on a first-come-first-serve basis. For details, e-mail: *cosmos.epoc@iiap.res.in*

Elected to Housing Society

Nagaraju *Prakash*

Mysuru, Jan.16- B. Nagaraju was unanimously elected as the President and V. Prakash as Vice-President of The Mysuru City Co-operative Housing Society in the election held recently.

Selected for R-Day Parade

Sahil Yadav

Mysuru, Jan. 16- Sahil Yadav, a final year B.Sc student of K. Puttaswamy First Grade College has been selected to take part in the Republic Day (R-Day) Parade to be held on Jan. 26 at New Delhi through 1 Karnataka Artillery Battery NCC, Mysuru. Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Srishaila Ramannavar and College Principal Dr. M. Shivalingegowda have congratulated Sahil on his achievement, according to a press release from the College Principal.

Excel in State-level GK Quiz Contest

K.V. Adwaith and R. Sudarshan

Mysuru, Jan. 16- K.V. Adwaith and R. Sudarshan, 1st PUC students of Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, here, have won 2nd prize in GK Quiz Contest in State-level Co-curricular contests organised by Department of School Education (PU), Tumakuru, at Tumakuru recently. They have been awarded a cash prize of Rs. 9,000 along with certificates.

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Music Varsity to confer
Hon. Doctorates on nine personalities
27 students bag 69 gold medals; 540 students to receive degrees

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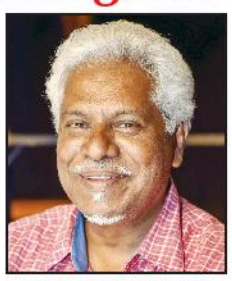

C. Basavalingaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (GA&VNS)- Veteran theatre and cine actor Girija Lokesh, Music Composer-actor Sadhu Kokila and former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah are among nine personalities who will be conferred with Hon. Doctorates during the seventh, eighth and ninth annual convocation of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University on Jan. 18 at the University premises here at 3 pm, said Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, here this morning.

Addressing media persons at Music Varsity premises on JLB Road, he said that Governor and Chancellor of the University Thaawarchand Gehlot would preside over the convocation ceremony while Minister for Higher Education Dr. M.C. Sudhakar will be present.

Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University, will deliver the convocation address.

The nine personalities, who will be conferred with Hon. Doctorates in recognition of their contributions in the field of fine arts are as follows:

2021-22: Sathyanarayana Raju (Indian Classical Dance), C. Cheluvaraju (Mridanga - Percussion) and Girija Lokesh (Theatre artiste).

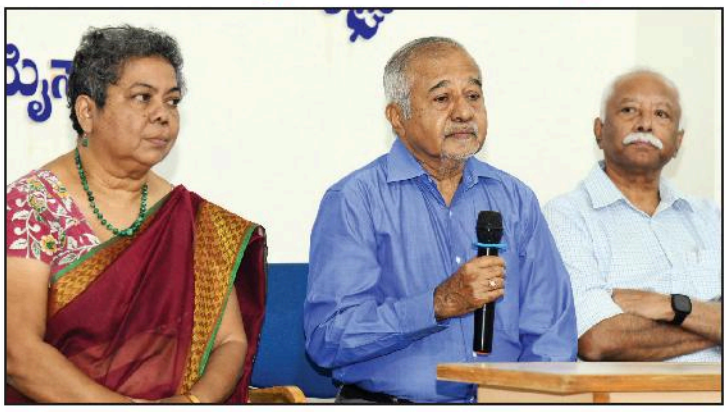
2022-23: Sandya Purecha (Indian Classical Dance), M.R. Sathyanarayana (Gamaka) and Sadhu Kokila (Performing Arts).

2023-24: Veena Murthy Vijay (Indian Dance), Pushpa Srinivasan (Karnatak Music) and former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah (Theatre).

In total, 540 students will be presented with Bachelor's and Master's degrees and nine candidates will be awarded D.Litt. degrees combining all three academic years. The convocation will also witness 27 students being awarded with a total of 69 gold medals —22 gold medals for 2021-22; 24 gold medals for 2022-23 and 23 gold medals for 2023-24 academic years.

Music Varsity Registrar (Evaluation) M.G. Manjunath was present at the press meet.

Mysore Literary Association to host Literary Fest-2025 on Jan. 19


Mysore Literary Association President Prof. K.C. Belliappa addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning. He is flanked by EC Member Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs and Association Hon. Secretary Reginald Wesley.

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (MTY&BNR)- Mysore Literary Association, Mysuru, has organised its 6th Mysuru Literary Fest-2025 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city on Jan. 19 (Sunday) from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning, Prof. K.C. Belliappa, President, Mysore Literary Association and former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, said that Dr. P. Sainath, Columnist and Author, will inaugurate the Fest at 10 am on Jan. 19.

Inauguration will follow talk by Dr. B.S. Ajai Kumar, Oncologist and Entrepreneur, on 'Doctorpreneur's journey: Decades across Countries and Cultures' at 11.30 am; lecture by Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad, Senior Scientist, on 'Reimagining Indian Education for a Technologically Changing World' at 12.30 pm; talk by Prof. Rajendra Chenni, Literary and Cultural Critic, on 'Conformity and Transgression: Women's poetry in Kannada' at 2.30 pm while Lavanya Prasad, Professional Story Teller, speaks on 'What's your Story?' at 3.30 pm.

Participation in the Fest is free and open to all English literature lovers.

For details and registration, contact **Mob: 99806-56631.**

Animal feeding at Kukkarahalli Lake

> **"Only those who are bitten by stray dogs over the past years, primarily because of some animal lovers feeding these stray dogs and birds, know the pain and suffering as a result of the menace of stray dogs while they take their morning walk in the Lake premises."**
>
> **— An octogenarian morning walker, who wishes to remain anonymous**

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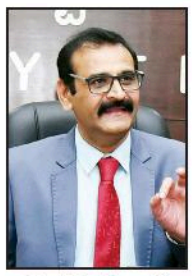
"The signboards ban the feeding of the 70-odd stray dogs that call the 150-acre Lake property their home. This ban is a blatant violation of laws. Feeding stray dogs is legal," they stated.

"The concerted attempt appears to be to starve these dogs until they abandon their territories out of sheer desperation. Such actions, aimed at driving the dogs out of the Lake, amount to illegal relocation and will instigate human-animal conflicts. Their lives are endangered because their treatments cannot continue if they are not fed. Starving these animals is a breach of our constitutional duties," they argued.

Safety interest: VC clarifies

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RK&BCT)- Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath stated that the decision to ban the feeding of animals, birds, and fish at Kukkarahalli Lake was made with the safety of senior citizens and the ecological sensitivity of the Lake in mind.


Prof. Lokanath

"Hundreds of senior citizens walk along the banks of Kukkarahalli Lake every morning and evening, and there have been complaints about stray dogs advancing menacingly towards them. In some cases, elderly individuals have been seen carrying sticks and stones to protect themselves from potential threats," he said.

"We have also received numerous complaints about this issue. Feeding the dogs has led to an increase in their population, which poses a threat. Additionally, the strays dirty the Lake premises, a place where people, especially elders and families come to enjoy quality time amidst nature," the VC added.

Maneka Gandhi intervenes; urges VC to take humane approach

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RK&BCT)- Former Union Environment Minister and renowned animal rights advocate Maneka Gandhi has stepped into the ongoing dispute over the ban on feeding animals at Kukkarahalli Lake, urging University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath to adopt a humane approach.

Maneka Gandhi

Maneka Gandhi contacted Prof. Lokanath via phone this morning, briefing him on the legal provisions surrounding animal feeding and detailing the laws under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

In response, Prof. Lokanath explained that the University's decision was made considering the eco-sensitivity of Kukkarahalli Lake and concerns over the rising stray population, which poses a safety threat to walkers, particularly senior citizens. "I informed her that the matter will be reviewed, and a suitable decision will be made," Prof. Lokanath told *Star of Mysore*.

Varsity to act against pigeon feeding

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RK&BCT)- Feeding pigeons with grains, a practice that began at the Mysore Palace, has now spread to Kukkarahalli Lake, raising serious ecological concerns.

Morning walkers have reported that certain individuals visit the Lake specifically to feed pigeons, resulting in a notable increase in their population. This surge is threatening the delicate balance of the Lake's ecosystem, endangering the natural habitat of other bird species that thrive on the Lake.

Pigeon droppings can carry diseases that pose a health risk, particularly to those with weakened immune systems. Infections can occur from breathing in dust or water droplets contaminated by the droppings, they noted.

Concerned walkers have also pointed out the growing risk to the University's historic buildings, as pigeons could potentially damage these structures. This practice, they argued, further strains Kukkarahalli Lake, which is already facing environmental challenges due to untreated sewage.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath acknowledged the issue, stating that action will be taken against pigeon feeding due to the health risks and potential damage to the heritage buildings.

Former MP Prathap Simha condemns attack on calf in Nanjangud

Says there is no protection for Hindus or Officers in the State during the Congress regime

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (BLU&VNS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has called for stringent action against those responsible for cutting the tail of calf at Nanjangud here this morning.

Speaking to media persons, Prathap Simha said at the time when the cows are revered during the time of Sankranti, miscreants are involved in severing the udder of cows in Chamarajpet and cutting the tail of the calf when it resisted an attempt of being robbed in Nanjugud.

"We have come across various incidents during the Siddaramaiah's first term as Chief Minister. Now, we are facing similar situation. The Congress party, which was at the helm of affairs during the post Independence era with a symbol of a cow with sulking calf, now seems to have forgotten the symbol, only to appease the minority voters.

Condemning the accused in the Bengaluru cow incident being granted Station Bail, Prathap Simha said, such appeasement politics was unwelcoming and urged the State Government to stop supporting such persons. He added that the Congress party was clear in forming a Taliban-like Government in the State.

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha milking the cow during the protest against the incidents of miscreants attacking cows and calf in city this morning.

"It is clear that in the present State Government there is no safety for Hindus and Officers. There is a need for this Government to be removed. People, who project themselves as followers of Mahatma Gandhi, are not doing much to protect the cows which were revered by Gandhiji himself," he said.

Prathap Simha also took a dig at CM Siddaramaiah for reprimanding a public servant in public. "It is not fare to reprimand a Deputy Commissioner, who is present at all times to welcome the Chief Minister, in public. During his first tenure, he prevented positions for Lingayat and Vokkaliga officers which he is continuing in his second term. Chief Secretary and IAS Officers Association must raise their voices against such incidents," he added.

Insulting DC in public by CM is arrogance of Office: MLC

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (BLU&DM)- MLC A.H. Vishwanath took strong exception to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing the Vijayanagar District Deputy Commissioner (DC) disrespectfully in singular term and asking him to vacate the chair he was occupying at the function.

Vishwanath

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Vishwanath charged Siddaramaiah of behaving in an arrogant manner when dealing with top officials.

Accusing Siddaramaiah of insulting the Vijayanagar DC M.S. Divakara at a private function where the DC need not follow the official protocol, the MLC questioned why the CM, who displayed his arrogance in public, was hesitant to act against the two former MUDA Commissioners, who had indulged in large-scale corruption and malpractices during their stint.

Maintaining that Siddaramaiah had no guts to act against the two former MUDA Commissioners, he urged the CM to stop insulting bureaucrats in public.

"Siddaramaiah has been playing the AHINDA card and caste census card only for protecting him whenever a crisis arose that challenged his political authority. I don't know whether the CM has read the socio-economic status (popularly known as caste census) report. Siddaramaiah has been only spreading lies and buying time just to save himself from the political onslaught by his opponents."

Instead of behaving in an audacious manner, he should take steps for carrying out caste census, he said adding that the late former CM D. Devaraj Urs never displayed arrogance when in power and Siddaramaiah should take a cue from this.

Two killed, one injured as goods vehicle hits

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (SBD&KS)- In separate cases, two persons were killed while another sustained serious injuries when goods vehicles hit them at Yelwal Police limits in the city on Sunday.

In the first case, a man, who was riding pillion on the bike was killed while his son, who was riding the bike sustained serious injuries when a goods vehicle hit the bike at Yelwal Police limits on Sunday morning. While the deceased has been identified as Ningegowda (55), his injured son is 27-year-old Pradeep Kumar, residents of Kamarahalli village, Yelwal hobli in the taluk.

On Sunday at about 6 am, Ningegowda and his son Pradeep were proceeding to KRS Santhe (Shandy) on their Splendor Plus bike (KA-55-Y-3805) when the goods vehicle (KA-09-AA-3609) which was proceeding from Lingadevarakoppal towards Kamanakoppal hit the bike at Nagawala Junction resulting in both the father and son falling from the bike and sustaining serious injuries. Though both were rushed to a hospital in Mysuru city, Ningegowda succumbed to the injuries in the evening.

In the second case, an elderly man was killed on the spot when a goods vehicle hit him at Yelwal in city on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Javaregowda alias Annegowda (75), a native of Holenarasipur taluk, who was residing at a rented house with his family at Yelwal.

On Sunday afternoon, Javaregowda was crossing the Mysuru-Hunsur Main Road near Yelwal Government Hospital, when the goods vehicle (KA-47-2337), which was proceeding towards Hunsur side, hit Javaregowda, killing him on the spot. Yelwal Police, who have registered separate cases, are investigating.

Micro finance firms harassing borrowers, says BJP leader Raghu Kautilya

Proposes a body to check harassment

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (BLU&BS)- State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya has said, a Committee of concerned public, Advocate and Police should be formed to check the menace of micro finance firms that have been harassing the poor after advancing loan to them.

He was addressing media persons at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram this morning.

State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya addressing media persons at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, this morning as City BJP General Secretary Mahesh Raje Urs, City BJP President L. Nagendra and District Spokesperson M. Mohan look on.

Raghu said, the micro finance firms are playing with the lives of the people in rural areas. **Unable to bear the harassment, the people have been deserting the villages. The degree of harassment is such that, it is even worse than private money lenders, who charge exorbitant rate of interest.** It seems, the State Government and the Police have also failed to rein in finance firms, who have been functioning throwing the norms of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the wind.

Raghu demanded that the District Administration, State Government and the Home Department should consider it as a special case and come to the rescue of the innocent villagers, by constituting a dedicated Committee.

At taluk-level, the Committee should involve Government Officers and elected representatives. The Home Department should issue a circular at the earliest, to receive the complaints against micro finance firms at the Police Stations, without coming out with any lame excuse.

If the representatives of finance firms issue threat to those who have taken loan, it should be dealt under Goonda Act by booking a case against them. The act of warning the loan takers over phone should also be curtailed. Besides, RBI should frame rules to control the process of advancing loan, charging rate of interest and imposing other charges, by the finance firms.

"Several hundreds of families are traumatised at the hands of finance firms in the State, but it is a matter of regret that, there are no serious discussions in this regard. It should be treated as apolitical issue, as I have been raising the demand in this regard, on behalf of the sufferers," said Raghu.

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16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.00 am	7.30 am	Monday
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.15 am	7.55 am	Daily
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
66554	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagara	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	1.05 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05 am	12.15 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.45 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.25 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.45 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.10 pm	Daily Except Thur
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.50 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	5.10 pm	8.10 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.40 am	Daily
66580	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.10 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	1.55 am	Sunday

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16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.35 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.55 am	3.35 am	Sunday
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.30 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.45 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.10 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.20 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.40 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.55 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	6.15 am	9.30 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.30 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	7.50 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.10 am	12.00 pm	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.30 am	11.15 am	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Thur
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.00 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.25 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.35 pm	Daily
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.45 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.35 pm	8.45 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.30 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.10 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.25 am	Tue & Sun

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11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	9.00 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	5.05 pm	Daily
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56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

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56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
56282	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
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56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.45 pm	11.40 pm	DailyPassenger

'Digital Transformation in Civil Engineering'

RACE-25 Seminar in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 16- The Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) — ACCE(I) — Mysore Centre, is organising its biennial flagship event, **Recent Advances in Civil Engineering (RACE-25)** Seminar, on Jan. 17 and 18 at MBCT Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar here. The seminar is on 'Digital Transformation in Civil Engineering,' focusing on the latest advancements and transformative trends in the field of Civil Engineering.

Eminent speakers will address the seminar which will be inaugurated tomorrow at 10 am by the chief guest, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP. Rajkumar Kacharla, Vice-President (South), ACCE(I), will be the guest of honour. The Chairmen and Hon. Secretaries of RACE-25 and ACCE (I), Mysore — S. Shashiraj, C.S. Srikanth, Dr. S. Raviraj and Dr. G.P. Chandradhara — will be present.

RACE 25 seminar is an excellent opportunity for practicing civil engineers, consultants, faculty members and students to gain deeper insights into industry trends, new technologies and advancements in the field.

Galaxy of Speakers

Dr. P.G. Diwakar, Senior Scientist, ISRO Chair Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc Campus, Bengaluru, will address the seminar on 'Space Technology & Modern Tools for Applications & Analytics.' While in service, he had played a key role in the design & implementation of diverse Space Applications for several Major National Missions. Many awards, including the 'Globe Sustainability Research Award 2010' at Stockholm, Sweden, were conferred on him.

Architect Vishu Bhooshan, Associate & a Lead Designer at Zaha Hadid Architects Computation and Design Research Group (ZHA CODE), London, will speak on 'Research Based Innovations in Architectural Practice.' He leads the development of a state-of-the-art, proprietary computational code framework to synthesise high-performance geometries, consequently enabling their structural optimisation, parametric modelling and coordination. He was a recipient of 'Digital Futures Young Award' in 2022. Incidentally, Vishu is the son our city's renowned architect and planner, Dr. B.S. Bhooshan.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Head - EDRC Digital, III SBG, L&T Construction, Chennai, will share insights on 'From Data to Action: Digitisation in Water Infrastructure.' With an experience of more than two decades in academics and administration, Rajesh Kumar has executed and commissioned many outstanding projects besides being a recipient of many awards.

Prashanth S. Alatgi, Managing Director, Prashant Advanced Survey of India, Pune, will address on 'Advanced Topographic Surveying using Mobile, UAV / Drone & Backpack LiDAR Technologies.' His company has the distinction of having completed more than 35,000 kms of Highway, Railway & Airport Topographic Survey Projects.

Dr. C.B. Amarnath, President - India BIM Association, Mumbai, will elaborate on 'Digital Transformation Trends in Built Environment - Policies, Implementation & Education.' With expertise in Building Information Modelling (BIM), Amarnath is credited for having built the BIM eco system with a network of more than 45,000 professionals and 500-plus organisations in BIM sector in India.

Dr. Madhavi Latha Gali is a Professor of Civil Engineering and the Chair of the Centre for Sustainable Technologies at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Her current research interests include micro to macro of geomechanics, sustainable soil reinforcement, earthquake geotechnical engineering and rock engineering. She will speak on '3D printing in Geotechnical Applications.'

Er. Roshan Purohit, Regional Manager, Trimble Inc., Gurgaon, will deliver his talk on 'Data Driven Construction.' With vast experience in Geospatial technologies across fields related to planning, GIS, Surveying and Construction Technologies, Purohit has served many Indian and Multinational companies.

Er. Shanmugam Selva Kumar, General Manager (Retd.), L&T, Chennai, will deliver his talk on '9.81 m/sec² - The Science behind the Sikhara's Journey.' Working for Larsen & Toubro, he spearheaded the completion of large-scale iconic projects from concept to commissioning in Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Oman & Qatar.

ACCE (I), Mysore Centre, has an impeccable track record of organising seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures, project visits and student outreach programmes. These initiatives aim to provide valuable learning opportunities for the civil engineering fraternity. Those interested in participating in the seminar may contact the Centre on Mob: 98451-13809 or visit the website: ***accemysore.org***

Fate of Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Building

Traders oppose CM's call for demolition, rebuilding

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RK&BCT)- Even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah issued directions to the officials to demolish and rebuild the century-old dilapidated Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building after clearing all legal disputes, traders and shop tenants have strongly advocated for the preservation of the heritage buildings, emphasising repair over demolition.

Recently, Siddaramaiah convened a meeting with Mysuru region elected representatives and officials in Bengaluru, directing them to resolve pending legal issues concerning these structures. He instructed that the buildings should either be preserved or, if demolished, rebuilt in their original architectural style.

In response, tenants have reiterated their demand for repairs and preservation. "The case regarding the renovation and preservation of Devaraja Market is still pending in the Supreme Court. We firmly oppose its demolition," said Mahadevu, President of the Devaraja Market Tenants Association.

Only partial collapse

He emphasised that apart from a partially collapsed section along Dhanvantri Road, the rest of the market building remains structurally sound. "Officials are creating unnecessary delays and controversies to justify demolition and reconstruction, ignoring repair options," he alleged, further accusing authorities of deliberately damaging parts of the building in 2016 for ulterior motives.

"We have communicated to the Supreme Court that the building can be repaired and restored. We will abide by the Court's decision," Mahadevu added.

Speaking about CM's meeting, MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that on the Lansdowne building, where no Court stay has been issued, Siddaramaiah has directed Advocate General to assess the situation and provide recommendations for necessary action, including possible demolition.

Alternative trading locations

To address concerns, he also proposed identifying alternative trading locations for the 700 shop tenants currently operating in the Devaraja Market before initiating any demolition and reconstruction. These points were raised during the meeting, stressing the importance of tenant support and business continuity, the MLA added.

Meanwhile, traders operating out of Lansdowne Building expressed frustration over prolonged delays. "It's been more than 10 years since the building collapsed. Authorities must decide whether to demolish, reconstruct, or renovate and complete the work so we can resume business," they said.

Heritage experts criticised the CM's directive, calling it premature. They stressed the importance of awaiting the outcomes of the pending Special Leave Petition and Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court before taking any action.

Why intentionally delay?

Our stand has been clear from the beginning. If the crumbling Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri campus can be restored using modern technology, why can't Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building be restored similarly? Look at the transformation of once-dilapidated CADA Office and full restoration of Government Ayurveda College. Even Maharani's College is currently undergoing restoration. The Government and Mysuru City Corporation are deliberately delaying restoration efforts; they lack the will to preserve these historic buildings. Only a part of Devaraja Market, on Dhanvantri Road, has collapsed. Why create such a hullabaloo over this? Why push for a new building? What heritage value will these new structures hold?"

—Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Member, District Heritage Committee

The Government is assessing the technical report provided by experts and will make a decision accordingly. We will await directives from Govt. and act based on their instructions."

—A. Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage

World Consumer Rights Day

MGP regrets lack of Govt. engagement

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (SPN&BCT)- The Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) have expressed deep disappointment that both State and Central Government Departments are not showing sufficient interest in celebrating "World Consumer Rights Day." The day highlights the significance of consumer awareness and empowerment.

The meeting held at MGP Office in city on Sunday discussed this year's theme, "Every consumer's safety and empowerment as the aim of World Consumer Rights Day," voicing their dissatisfaction over lack of Government engagement.

MGP Founder-President Bhamy V. Shenoy highlighted the historical importance of the day and its connection to global consumer protection efforts. India introduced Consumer Protection Act in 1986, which aims to protect consumer rights. This law empowers individuals to seek legal redress for issues like fraud and deceit encountered while purchasing goods.

To promote awareness in Mysuru, a series of programmes, including seminars and exhibitions, will be held throughout the year. These initiatives will involve cooperation from various organisations, University authorities, School Education and Literacy Department, ZP, Deputy Commissioner's Office, District Legal Services Authority etc.

Ritualistic meetings

In the past, ritualistic meetings at colleges & schools on consumer rights have yielded little impact. A more effective approach may involve students organising events under the guidance of committed teachers, he said.

These could include essay competitions, moot courts on Consumer Redressal Commissions, debates on using the consumer movement to combat corruption, street plays, poster competitions, and motivating students to file consumer cases.

In public and private institutions, consumers often feel as though they're receiving a "favour" when purchasing goods or services. Holding regular meetings to address consumer concerns and take corrective actions can reinforce idea that consumers are indeed 'kings.' However, such events often become mere rituals unless taken seriously by management, he noted.

Senior writer Prof. Kalachannegowda suggested that the University of Mysore's NSS division collaborate with the Vice-Chancellor to discuss celebrating World Consumer Rights Day. Additionally, members proposed that the Women and Child Development Department also engage in discussions.

Other participants at the meeting included D.V. Dayananda Sagar, Renu Agarwal, Dr. K. Shankaregowda, M.S. Harish from Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions, K.G. Shashidhar, P. Rakesh, Ravichandra Benkal, Shyamala, B. Vrishabendra, Yash Gowda, Bhanu Prashanth, Rajendra, Arun Kumar Shettar, S. Sumalata, R.A. Manjunath, Prof. S. Dwaraki, T.R. Ravindran, S.V. Shankar, Ravishankar, Venkatesh, V.S. Sethu Ram and Dr. G. Panduranga Murthy.

Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave in city from tomorrow

Conclave Chairman B.S. Prashanth addressing a press meet.

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (GA&DM)- A three-day Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave-2025 has been organised under the aegis of International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) at Maharaja's College Grounds in city from Jan. 17 to 19.

Addressing a press meet recently, Conclave Chairman B.S. Prashanth said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will inaugurate the Conclave at 10.30 am on Jan. 17.

Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad and others will be the chief guests.

Film actor Daali Dhananjaya will inaugurate cultural events at 6.30 pm on Jan. 17. Composer-singer Vasuki Vaibhav will present musical evening at 7 pm.

Day-2 (Jan. 18) features a Health Summit on Medical leadership, which will be presided by Bengaluru's M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Hospital President Dr. Nagendra Swamy with JSS AHER VC Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Fortis Group of Hospitals Chairman Dr. Vivek Javali, Bidar ZP CEO Dr. Girish Dilip Badole and KPSC Member Dr. H.S. Narendra as speakers.

VRL Logistics MD Dr. Anand Sankeshwar will deliver keynote address on 'Revolutionising Tomorrow' at 4 pm. Later, actor and playback singers Rajesh Krishnan and Archana Udupa will present a musical nite at 7 pm.

Day-3 (Jan. 19) features Panel discussion at 11 am. Murugesh R. Nirani Group MD Vijay M. Nirani will deliver keynote address at 12 noon. Valedictory will be held at 4.30 pm, with Union Minister of State V. Somanna, Karnataka Minister for Forest Eshwar Khandre, MPs Basavaraj Bommai and Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLAs Vijayanand Kashappanavar, K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa and others as chief guests. Playback singer Ananya Bhat will present musical nite at 7 pm.

Conclave Vice-Presidents K.H. Kiran (Mysuru) and M. Mahesh (Chamarajanagar), Joint Secretary S. Theertha, ILYF Mysuru President K.S. Mahadeva Prasad and Team EC, Mysuru's H.S. Veeresh were present.

Actor Prakash Raj inaugurates first-ever Children's Bahuroopi

'Sensitise young minds on current developments'

Actor Prakash Raj releasing the poster of 'Children's Bahuroopi' at Kalamandira in city last evening as Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur and Ranga Samaja Member Shashidhar Bharighat look on. Picture right shows a scene from the children's play 'Mogli' staged on the occasion.

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (PM&VNS)- Children have to be sensitised regarding the present day developments at they are eager to learn the current situation, said Actor Prakash Raj here yesterday. Speaking after inaugurating the first-ever Children's Bahuroopi Festival-2025 at Kalamandira, he said that starting an exclusive theatre festival for children was a good development and added that Nirdigantha, the theatre group started by him, was also contemplating to start children's theatre.

"Children are not created for the future but they are part of the present day. They should be left to mould themselves for the future. This is the time when they are eager to learn about various aspects and we should allow them to learn by sensitising them. Instead, we have been nurturing our children keeping in mind the future while it not possible to imagine how the world would be in the next 10 years. We should be thinking are we as parents nurturing them for the next 10 years?," he added.

Stating that parents were not spending quality time with children in the present day, Prakash Raj said that children have been spending most of their time under stress and tuitions.

Ranga Samaja Member Shashidhar Bharighat, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, DDPI Javaregowda, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur and Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan were present on the occasion.

'Mogli,' the children play, staged by Dhamani Theatre, Kundapura & Kalabhi Children's Theatre, Mangaluru, at Kalamandira, was received well by the audience. Three other plays — *Mozek*, *Dharmanati* and *Mudukana Maduve* — were staged to jam-packed audience at Bhoomigeeta, Vanaranga and Kiru Rangamandira respectively.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 16)

Kindarijogi premises - 5.30 pm: Janapada Utsava, Saxophone Recital by Yadhukumar and troupe, Mysuru.

Bhoomigeeta - 6.30 pm: Staging of English play 'Urmila' by Adishakti Theatre, Pondicherry.

Kiru Rangamandira - 7 pm: Staging of Tamil play 'Nadapaavaadai' by Velippadai Theatre Movement, Pondicherry.

Vanaranga - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Krishnarjuna Kalaga' by Yashaswi Kalavrunda Makkala Mela, Tekkatte, Kundapura.

Kalamandira - 7.30 pm: Staging of Malayalam play 'The Boat Boy' by Lokadharmi, Kochi, Kerala.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 17)

Sriranga - Bahuroopi Film Festival - 10.30 am to 12 noon: Screening of 'White Like me' (2013) - 67 min (English) - Director: Scott Morris; **12 noon to 1.30 pm:** 'Fannie Lou Hamer's America' - 59 min (English) - Director: Joy Elaine Davenport; **2 pm to 4.30 pm:** 'Chomana Dudi' (1975) - 63 min (Kannada) - Director: B.V. Karanth.

Kindarijogi premises - 5.30 pm: Janapada Utsava, Duf, Mangaluru Kalatanda; Puja Kunita by Keerthana and troupe, Mandya.

Bhoomigeeta - 6.30 pm: Staging of Hindi play 'Murda Ghar' by Ankur Rangmanch Samiti, Ujjain, MP.

Kiru Rangamandira - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Anamikana Savu' by Spinning Theatre, Vijayapura.

Vanaranga - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Mattaiah 22:39' by Astitva, Mangaluru.

Kalamandira - 7.30 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'A Friend Beyond the Fence' by Kalabhi Theatre, Mangaluru.

Kho-Kho World Cup - 2025

Indian Women, Men storm into Quarter-finals

Indian women will take on Malaysia at 7 pm while the men will face Bhutan at 8.15 pm today.

Catch the live action on **Star Sports, Disney+Hotstar and DD Sports.**

New Delhi, Jan. 16 (Agencies)- Fresh from their historic 175-18 demolition of South Korea, the Indian women's kho-kho team secured their quarter-final berth with another commanding performance, overwhelming Iran by 84 points at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here yesterday.

Women in Blue, demonstrating their tournament favourites' status, dominated proceedings from the opening seconds to cement their position atop their group, as they defeated Iran with the score 100-16. B. Chaitra (Jersey No. 2) of Mysuru is in Team India. The match began with India's trademark aggressive start, as they eliminated Iran's first batch within 33 seconds. Ashwini spearheaded the attack, while Meenu continued her brilliant form with multiple touch points, helping India amass an impressive 50 points in Turn 1. The onslaught continued through all four Turns, highlighted by a remarkable 6-minute-8-second Dream Run in Turn 3, which effectively sealed the match. Led by Wazir Nirmala's tactical brilliance and contributions from skipper Priyanka Ingle, Nirmala Bhati and Nasreen, Team India demonstrated their championship credentials with another emphatic victory, establishing themselves as the team to beat in the tournament.

Indian men's team secured their quarter-final berth with a convincing 70-38 victory over Peru. Continuing their impressive run, Men in Blue demonstrated their championship credentials with a dominant performance that showcased their tactical superiority and athletic prowess. A strong start set the tone for Team India as they dominated the opening stages of Turn 1, though Peru showed resilience with a brief defensive stand in Turn 2. However, the hosts quickly reasserted their authority through brilliant Wazir Pratik Waikar's leadership, closing out the first round with an impressive 36 points. The momentum continued to build through Turn 2, with outstanding performances from Aditya Pote, Siva Reddy and Sachin Bhargo. India's dominance extended into Turn 3, and by Turn 4, the score had mounted to 70 points.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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  Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows; *Game Changer (Te)* - 1 Show
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Game Changer (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Game Changer (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Game Changer (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Game Changer (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Max (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Madha Gaja Raja (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Fateh (H) - 4 Shows

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Game Changer (Te)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-3)	1.10 pm; (S-4) 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-3) 10.45 am
Max (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-1)	10.20 pm; (S-2) 10.25 am
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Fateh (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm, 10 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 10.15 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) (S-3) 4.30 pm

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Max (K)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.05 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Paristhithi (K)	(S-2)	11.20 am
Choo Manthar (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 4 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm, 9.20 pm
Teddy Bear (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.25 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve javaabdararu (K) (S-1) 4.15 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	:	9.35 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	9.35 am, 10.15 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	9.40 am, 6.10 pm
Max (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	10.10 am, 12.35 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (E)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Nosferatu (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	3.35 pm
Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (H)	:	3.45 pm
Fateh (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) : 7.20 pm

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Max (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.40 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	9.30 am, 4.20 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	1.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.30 pm
Fateh (H)	:	3.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 16)

- **Ranga Ratnakara, Jnanabharati, Bengaluru:** Actor Rajanand Memorial Programme, Theatre Scenes, Theatre Songs, Plays and Book Release, Kannada Rajyotsava Awardee Vid. D. Ramu inaugurates, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara:** School Day - Primay School Division, Neelikala Foundation President & Terracotta artist Neeli Lohith chief guest, Shishuvihara President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar presides, School premises, Lakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Karnataka, District Committee, Mysuru:** Makara Sankranti celebrations, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal chief guest, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat Women's Wing Convenor Roopashree Nagaraj speaks about Sankranti, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat Mysuru Vice-President B.K. Jagadish presides, Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal Satyaprasad chief guest, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat Zonal Chief Dr. V. Ranganath delivers keynote address, Vijaya Vittala PU College, **5.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 17)

- **Association of Consulting Civil Engineers-India (ACCE-I), Mysore:** RACE-25 Seminar, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, ACCE(I) Vice-President (South) Rajkumar Kacharla guest of honour, MBCT Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, **10 am.**
- **International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) and Vijayanand Travels:** Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave-2025, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji inaugurates the Conclave, Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad and other personalities chief guests, **10.30 am;** Noted film actor Daali Dhananjaya inaugurates the cultural events, **6.30 pm;** Musical Evening by composer and singer Vasuki Vaibhav, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Lions School, Bannimantap:** 43rd School Day celebrations, MLA Tanveer Sait chief guest, Mysore Lions School Chairman Ln. Shivakumar presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **4.30 pm.**
- **Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara:** School Day - High School Division, CAVA Photography and Photojournalism Head Veeranna M. Arkasali chief guest, Maharaja Education Trust (MET) President S. Murali presides, MET Vice-President Dr. G. Hemanth Kumar inaugurates, School premises, Lakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale:** Conferring of Gandhi Sadbhavana Award by Gandhian and retd. Prasaranga Director Prof. K.T. Veerappa, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah inaugurates, Karnataka State Government Employees Association former State President H.K. Ramu presides, Adamya Rangashale Hon. Secretary T. Satish Javaregowda delivers talk; Staging of play 'Bhasmasura Prasanga,' directed by Lokanath Sogum, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Umamaheshwara Nritya Kalakshetra Trust:** Nritya Samarpana-2025, Trust Founder T.N. Somashekar Memorial Chiguru Sanje Bharatanatyam Programme, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Noopura Kalavidaru Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao presides, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore North and Kadamba Ranga Vedike:** Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar confers Rotary-Kadamba Theatre Awards 2025 on actors-directors U.S. Ramanna, Ashwath Kadamba, N. Dhananjaya and Disha Ramesh; actor-director Mandya Ramesh chief guest, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rtn. Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. P. Prabhakar presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Ranga Ratnakara, Jnanabharati, Bengaluru:** Actor Rajanand Memorial Programme, theatre songs, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play 'Bengaluru Kempegowda,' RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**

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Choo Mantar (K)	:	10.15 am, 3.50 pm
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Choo Mantar (K)	:	12.40 pm
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	:	1 pm
Fateh (H)	:	1.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	3.40 pm, 10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	4 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

IBR Achiever

M.M. Bhuvik

Mysuru, Jan. 16- M.M. Bhuvik (born on April 12, 2012) of Mysuru, Karnataka, is titled as 'IBR Achiever' for reading Chapter 12 of the Bhagavad Gita in 1 minute, 22 seconds and 82 milli seconds, at the age of 12 years and 7 months, as confirmed by India Book of Records (IBR) on Dec. 5, 2024. A student of Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra, Vijayanagar, Bhuvik is the son of H.K. Mallesh and N. Malini, residents of Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

Excels in singing competition

Shreya Shridhar

Mysuru, Jan. 16- Shreya Shridhar, a II PU student of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College, Vijayanagar, has secured second prize in Bhavageeta at the State-level Cultural Competition organised by the PU Department at Tumakuru district recently.

She was awarded a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 9,000.

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